

In The Specification:

On page 4, please amend paragraph [0011] as follows:

--[0011] The metallic material constituting a tubular blank is not specifically limited as long as it has strength enough to support a vehicle during run-flat driving. In order to ensure excellent durability, however, a metallic material that produces a shear stress of 600 MPa or more, more preferably 800Mpa to 1200 Mpa, may be used. In particular, ~~steel~~steel material is the most preferable one. The shape of the circumferential wall of a tubular blank is not specifically limited. However, a right circular cylindrical shape is preferable.--